

Amendments to City Charter

The committee appointed by Captain Whittington, chairman of a citizens' mass meeting to draft certain amendments to the city charter to be submitted to the voters of the city at the regular election to be held in April has finished its work and is ready to make report. Judge Mason who served on that committee made the statement that the mayor could submit the proposed amendments to the people without the formality of a petition and that such would be done. Under these provisions—

The mayor shall receive a salary of \$1,500 a year.

The commissioner receive \$2 for each meeting and the maximum sum which a commissioner may receive is \$104 a year.

Requires commissioners to maintain offices in the city hall and to devote the time necessary to attend to the affairs of the city.

The mayor shall be the judge of the municipal court.

The chief of police is to be elected. The amendments in full are as follows:

Sec. 5, Art. 3, as amended:

The mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners, at the first meeting after their election and qualification, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall appoint the following officers, to-wit: A city treasurer, a city clerk, a chief of the fire department, a city engineer, and a city attorney, who shall hold their respective positions at the will and pleasure of the power appointing them and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Provided, that each member of the board of commissioners shall have the right to nominate, and by and with the consent and confirmation of the board of commissioners, appoint all necessary subordinate officials and employees in the department or departments under his immediate supervision and control, and for whose appointment and services he shall be held personally responsible. Provided further that as to the employment of common or day laborers, whose services shall be required from time to time, the head of the department shall have full authority to act.

Sec. 6, Art. 3 as amended:

The mayor shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars and same shall be payable monthly in twelve equal installments and at the end of each and every month, or as soon thereafter as same can be properly allowed by the board of commissioners. Each member of the board of commissioners shall be allowed and paid the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars for each and every meeting he shall personally attend, said meetings to be held at least once per week. Provided that no member of such board of commissioners shall receive for his services a sum to exceed one hundred four (\$104.00) dollar per year.

All salaries and wages to be paid employees of the city, except as otherwise provided for herein, shall be fixed by ordinance. The mayor and the members of the board of commissioners shall keep and maintain offices in the city hall building and shall give ample time to the proper and efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

Sec. 7, Art. 3 as amended:

At each biennial election there shall be elected an officer of said city who shall be known as, and styled, the chief of police, who shall hold his office for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified, unless he shall be sooner removed or become disqualified. The chief of police shall appoint all his subordinate officers, subject to the approval and confirmation of the board of commissioners.

The number of such subordinate officers to be under the control and fixed by the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners shall have authority to increase and decrease such number from time to time as may be necessary. Such subordinate officers shall hold their offices at the will and pleasure of the power appointing him.

The chief of police as herein provided shall at all times be subject to and under the control of the mayor and board of commissioners of the city and shall be subject to removal from office by the board of commissioners upon the preferment of charges and having same sustained by a majority vote of said board of commissioners, and in case of a tie upon such hearing of charges, preferred, then the mayor shall have the right to cast the deciding vote, provided further, that upon removal from office of such chief of police, or in case of disqualification from performance the duties of said office, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners shall have the right to appoint a chief of police who shall hold office until the next general election of city officers, subject, however, to the will and pleasure of the power appointing him.

Provided further, that any other provisions for removal of election officers under this charter except as to the right of recall, shall not be applicable to the office of chief of police.

Sec. 1, Art. 2, as amended:

Legislative Department. That all legislative powers, except the legislative power herein reserved to the inhabitants of said city, under the initiative and referendum, unless specifically conferred upon some other body, shall be vested in the board of commissioners, consisting of four members, one from each ward, to be elected by the qualified voters of said city at large for the term of two years and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified, unless removed as hereinafter provided.

No person shall be eligible to be a

member of the board of commissioners, unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of the said city at least two years prior to his election, and a resident of the ward from which he shall be elected, and who has reached the age of twenty-five years.

Sec. 2, Art. 4 as amended:

The mayor of the city shall be judge of the municipal court and shall perform all the duties of said judge. The board of said mayor shall be made so that same will protect the city from loss by reason of his acting as such judge, and bind him to well and truly account for all moneys and property coming into his hands as such municipal judge.

Article 6. City assessor.

Amend said charter by striking out all of said article since there is no provisions for such officer.

GEN. FELIX DIAZ SEEKS PRESIDENCY

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was a prisoner of General Diaz in the very place which for over a week he has caused to be battered with cannon in his efforts to subjugate the rebel army.

Had Francisco Madero succeeded in defeating Diaz there seems little doubt that bloody reprisals would have been made.

"Those who should" die is the caption of an official "Maderist" document found last night. In the list of prescribed there were twenty-two names of prominent men, including Francisco De la Barra, Jesus Flores Magon, Manuel Calero, Alberto Garcia Granados and Dr. Vasquez Gomez. For some days De la Barra believed he was in danger of assassination and he therefore hid in the British legation when he heard that numerous threats had been made to capture him.

The rebel troops are not to be removed from their positions for two or three days, as disorders are feared. The authorities do not wish to give occasion for public manifestations.

Business Houses Wrecked.

Little time was lost today in filling the streets with crowds. The shutters came down from business buildings, which had not been opened for ten days, and shopkeepers made every effort to resume their activity. The Mexican Herald and El Universal were the only newspapers out and they enjoyed a phenomenal sale.

Because of the destruction wrought by shells a number of industrial concerns found it impossible to resume. Broken trolley wires and shot away posts must also be repaired before the street car service can be resumed and an army of linemen must be put to work before lighting facilities can be restored.

List of Wounded Americans.

The list of Americans wounded during the fighting in Mexico City was augmented yesterday when Miss Bertha Roberts was severely wounded by a fragment of shell, and her father, Frederick Roberts, suffered a scalp wound from the same shot. The family has lived in Mexico City for years, coming originally from Maine. Another sufferer was Thomas Lason, whose mother lives in San Antonio, Texas. He was slightly wounded.

Hundreds of Americans and other foreigners returned today to their homes in various parts of the city. Many found their residences wrecked by shells. Scarcely a house had escaped rifle bullets and many of

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London, Feb. 20.—A terrific three-days' battle between one hundred thousand Bulgarians and seventy thousand Turks at Bulair has just been concluded, according to a dispatch from Constantinople. Each side is said to have lost thirty-five hundred men.

Enver Bay, leader of the young Turks, is reported to have been wounded.

far from ended. The report said that Emilio Vasquez Gomez will persist in backing himself for the post provisional president, taking it for granted that Emiliano Zapata will continue to keep his thousands in the south.

From most state capitals, however, assurances of loyalty and co-operation with the federal government have already been received, but a number of states have not reported, owing to the telegraphic interruption.

Practical Ventilating Hint.

The house should be ventilated in winter as well as in summer if the family is to be kept in good health. Bedrooms, especially, should be provided with a free circulation of fresh air. One way to get fresh air in a bedroom without having a draft is to tack strips of cheesecloth across the top and the bottom of the window so that when it is opened in both places the fresh air will enter the room and yet, should there be a strong wind its force will be broken by the cloth.

True to Nature.

The tots in a primary class in sensetraining were imitating anything they choose. When it was Hazel's turn, she stepped into the center of the room and wriggled her body from side to side. No one could guess what she was impersonating, so she was asked to explain. "Why," she said, "I was a little dog wagging its tail."

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